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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE
In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to last Friday's report. Elsewhere, weekly prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. The market tone was fully steady to firm beginning the week. Demand was light to very good. Supplies were sufficient to in balance for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to tight for a light to moderate demand. Light type hens were at least sufficient for the moderate to good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest delivered prices were sharply higher for the larger sizes and unchanged for mediums. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were higher for medium and unchanged for large and small. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm. Retail demand range moderate to very good. Loose egg sales were light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	59-68	62-65	LARGE	40-49	44
LARGE	58-67	60-63	MEDIUM	19-25	23
MEDIUM	35-44	37-40	SMALL	7.11	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were sharply higher on the larger sizes but unchanged on mediums when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone ranged fully steady to at times firm entering the week. Demand into all channels was light to good. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced. Breaking stock offerings were limited for the fair demand. Spent hens were at least adequate for a moderate to good demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as normal for the week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	66-80	69-72
LARGE	61-75	66-70
MEDIUM	37-50	41-44

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were sharply higher for the larger sizes and unchanged for mediums. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm. Retail demand was moderate to very good. Loose egg movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were tight to barely adequate for the light to mostly moderate demand. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Schedules were full time to reduced at times. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69.5-78	71-74
LARGE	67.5-76	69-72
MEDIUM	43.5-52	45-48

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Weekly prices were higher on the the larger sizes and unchanged on the lighter weights. The market tone was fully steady to at times firm beginning the week. Demand into all channels was light to good. Supplies were adequate to balanced. Breaking stock offerings were limited for the fair demand. Light type hens were at least adequate for the moderate to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	52.25-75	69-72
LARGE	50.25-73	67-70
MEDIUM	40.5-48	41-45

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged when compared to last Friday's report. Trade sentiment was fully steady to at times firm entering the week. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were about adequate to adequate for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	75-79
LARGE	73-77
MEDIUM	51-55

MIDWEST EGGS	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	66-74	67-69
LARGE	64-72	65-67
MEDIUM	41-49	42-44

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WESTERN Prices 10 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged to 2 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was unchanged from last Monday with California up 2% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 2%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices 10 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 2 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 2% higher than last week. Retailer demand just fair. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 61.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	117
EXTRA LARGE	111
LARGE	104
MEDIUM	81

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE
JUMBO	269-329	JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	249-309	EXTRA LARGE	NOT
LARGE	199-239	LARGE	AVAILABLE
MEDIUM	189-219	MEDIUM	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 10, 2006 will decrease by 3 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 03, 2006 were 236,006 cases which was 6 percent below the prior week and 9 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	196,909	39,097	236,006

% change from the

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
prior week.....	-4	-15	-6

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was light to mostly moderate with offerings tight to barely adequate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time to instances reduced. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	25-30	25-27
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	14-18	14-16

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was sufficient. The undertone was no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-MAR-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.5-15.25	12-13	12.61
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-MAR-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.25	11-13	12.31

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT - MAR 06, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.8	20.5	7.4	12.5	60.9
	Change	0.6	-1.5	0.0	-0.4	-1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.3	54.9	7.9	21.9	148.8
	Change	1.9	5.5	-0.7	4.2	6%
Large	Curr Wk	33.2	132.2	66.9	80.3	422.6
	Change	0.9	17.6	15.4	4.9	12%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.2	65.6	18.6	17.7	146.6
	Change	1.5	7.1	1.2	-1.3	4%
Small	Curr Wk	6.3	13.7	6.1	7.7	39.1
	Change	0.3	1.0	3.8	2.9	15%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.0	39.1	10.5	10.4	68.3
	Change	0.2	-2.7	-2.5	-0.6	-6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	19.2	54.5	20.8	28.0	150.7
	Change	0.5	-3.3	2.2	6.7	5%
Total	Curr Wk	108.0	380.5	138.2	178.5	1037.0
Percent	Change	6%	7%	16%	10%	7%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	1,037.0	7%	168
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	215.0	-7%	35

Total Shell Egg	1,252.0	4%	203
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 169 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO	SO	SO	5-AREA	
	NORTHEAST	CENT	ATL	PACIFIC	SUMMARY
	102.1	356.8	118.8	162.1	971.3

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT

North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI

South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX

South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV

Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2006.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.88	1.85	1.76	1.17

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.46	1.46	1.36	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MARCH 03, 2006

CURRENT LOADS							25.75		FUTURE LOADS				22.50		TOTAL LOADS				48.25	
SE			NE		MW				SC		NW		SW							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS					
GNR W 1	44.50	—	43.50	46.50	—	—	12.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.00					
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00					
GL W J	—	—	—	—	50.00	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	64.00	1.00					
GL W XL	—	—	—	58.50	52.00	—	2.75	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	60.00	9.00					
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	47.14	—	12.75	GL W MD	33.75	—	—	—	—	38.00	3.00					
GL W MD	—	—	32.86	35.03	30.50	32.00	5.75													
GL W SM	23.50	26.50	21.00	23.00	—	—	2.00													
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	30.00	4.00													

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/27/06-03/03/06

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
87.75								91.00								178.75							
SE				NE		MW		LOADS	SC				NW		SW								
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	41.67	50.17	40.14	42.40	—	45.75	54.00	GNR W 1	—	52.90	—	—	—	—	30.00								
GNR W 2	—	42.50	—	—	—	—	10.00	GNR W 2	—	49.00	—	—	—	—	8.00								
GNR W 4	—	—	—	26.00	21.00	—	4.00	GL W J	53.00	—	—	—	—	64.00	6.00								
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	33.00	39.00	1.00	GL W XL	—	56.75	—	60.00	—	59.67	8.25								
GL W J	—	—	—	—	49.80	—	5.00	GL W LG	—	59.65	—	61.75	—	60.30	32.50								
GL W XL	—	61.68	49.67	53.35	48.08	—	37.50	GL W MD	33.00	39.67	36.50	41.43	—	39.08	14.25								
GL W LG	—	57.87	44.00	52.00	49.58	—	46.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00								
GL W MD	37.00	37.00	31.64	34.33	30.54	32.00	18.50																
GL W SM	24.42	27.08	21.25	23.25	—	22.00	8.00																
GL BR LG	—	—	52.00	—	—	—	1.00																
NRBS - 48	28.00	30.00	—	—	—	28.17	19.00																
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	23.00	4.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	20.75	—	—	4.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS.

THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER.

NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	02/27/06	02/20/06	02/28/05
PACIFIC COAST	107	107	401
LOS ANGELES	105	105	391

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is higher on extra large, large and medium. Steady on small. Supplies are well balanced on larger sizes. Retail demand is good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	86.86
LARGE	83.86
MEDIUM	60.86
SMALL	48.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

CHICKEN AND EGGS

January Egg Production Up 1 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 7.72 billion during January 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.62 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The number of layers during January 2006 averaged 349 million, up slightly from a year earlier. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,211 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2005. All layers in the U.S. on February 1, 2006, totaled 349 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 349 million layers consisted of 291 million layers producing table-type eggs, 55.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.90 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on February 1, 2006, averaged 70.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from February 1, 2005.

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